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SUBJ: VISIT OF NORTH KOREAN ECONOMIC DELEGATION AND SIGNING
OF AID AGREEMENT

REF: (A) LOME 2298 (NOTAL); (B) LOME 2364 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY. AFTER MORE THAN TWO WEEKS IN TOGO, DURING WHICH
IT MADE DAILY FRON PAGE NEWS, 20-MEMBER N. KOREAN ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE DELEGATION SIGNED ACCORD ON OCTOBER 21 AGREEING
ONLY TO PROVIDE GOT WITH (A) AN INTEREST-FREE LONG-TERM
CREDIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A CERAMIC FACTORY AND (B) THE
CONSTRUCTION OF A "PARTY SCHOOL." END SUMMARY.

1. SINCE DPRK ECONOMIC DELEGATION ARRIVED OCTOBER 8
(REF B), VISIT HAS MADE FRON PAGE OF TOGO PRESSE ALMOST
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DAILY BUT WITH LITTLE SUBSTANCE TO ARTICLES. GROUP BEING

HAILED AS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF SOLIDARITY AND AMITY BETWEEN FRATERNAL TOGOLESE-N. KOREANS: "KOREAN-TOGOLESE COOPERATION WILL ASSURE A FOUNDATION OF GRANITE TO OUR (TOGO'S) DEVELOPMENT"; KOREAN DELEGATION HERE ON "CRUSADE AGAINST UNDERDEVELOPMENT";

2. JOINT MEETING OF "EXPERTS" OF BOTH NATIONS REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED FOLLOWING AREAS OF POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE:

A. IRRIGATION OF 1,000 HECTARES OF FARM LAND;

B. CONSTRUCTION OF A FACTORY TO MAKE AND REPAIR AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY;

C. STUDY OF LOCATION OF PRIMARY MATERIALS FOR POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION, INCLUDING IRON ORE DEPOSITS AT BANGELI;

D. STUDY OF CONSTRUCTION OF CERAMIC FACTORY AND FERTILIZER FACTORY;

E. CONSTRUCTION OF A "PARTY SCHOOL" FOR RPT CADRES.

3. DELEGATION MADE TWO-DAY TOUR OF PLATEAU, CENTRAL AND KARA REGIONS OSTENSIBLY TO STUDY ASSISTANCE PROBLEMS, BUT LION'S SHARE OF TIME APPEARED DEVOTED TO CEREMONIES AND SPEECHES-- NOT TO MENTION COUNTLESS HOURS OF PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL POLITICAL ANIMATION GROUPS. BEFORE RETURN TO LOME, 20-MAN TEAM MADE APPROPRIATE PILGRIMAGES TO SARAKAWA (SITE OF JANUARY 1974 PLANE CRASH IN WHICH PRESIDENT EYADEMA NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH) AND TO PYA (ANCESTRAL HOME OF "NATIONAL HELMSMAN" EYADEMA).

4. ALTHOUGH FINAL ACCORD PROVIDES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF "PARTY SCHOOL" AND LONG-TERM CREDIT FOR CERAMIC FACTORY (NO DETAILS YET AVAILABLE), TOGO-PRESSE OCTOBER 22 STATES BOTH PARTIES AGREED "RE-EXAMINE PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER PROJECT WHICH WILL BE REALIZED WHEN CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE." SAME STORY SAYS N KOREANS WILL "ESTABLISH A PLAN" FOR TOGOLESE MINING OF IRON ORE AND WILL PROVIDE TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACCORDINGLY.

5. COMMENT: GOT PROBABLY FEELS LET DOWN BY FEW TANGIBLE RESULTS OF GNK MISSION AFTER PROVIDING CONSTANT RAVE REVIEWS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR TWO WEEKS (LATTER WORK OF K B JOHNSON, DIRGEN OF TOGO-PRESSE AND NUMBER ONE KIM IL SUNG FAN IN LOME). NO MENTION MADE IN AGREEMENT OF EITHER IRRIGATION SCHEME OR AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY FACTORY (PARA 3 ABOVE), BOTH OF WHICH KOREANS SHOULD EASILY BE ABLE TO HANDLE. WORST OF ALL, GOT CAN TAKE LITTLE COMFORT FROM INDEFINITE POSTPONMENT OF KOREAN ASSISTANCE WITH FERTILIZER FACTORY AND LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR EXPLOITATION OF IRON ORE DEPOSITS. DETAILS OF ACCORD WERE ON PAGE 4

OCTOBER 22 TOGO-PRESSE AMIDST FURTHER RHETORIC BY HIGH
GOT-DPRK OFFICIALS ON KOREAN-TOGOLESE AMITY.
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